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Normalization by Hybridizations of Complex

RNA Probes and Gene Specific Probes

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicants hereby petitions for a two month extension of time in order to file a Response to Office Action in the above-identified patent application. The Commissioner is authorized to charge deposit account number 500933 a fee of \$210.00 for a two month extension of time, thereby extending the response period from November 25, 2003 to Monday, January 26, 2004.

The Commissioner is also authorized to charge deposit account number 500933 any related fees necessary to extend the response period of time to Monday, January 26, 2004.

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